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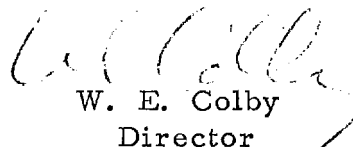
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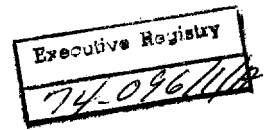
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W. E. Colby
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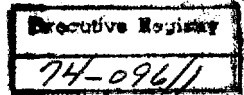
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Honorable William E. Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

On January 3, 1974, your agency received a formal request from the House Committee on Government Operations for views on H. R. 12004, my bill to amend the Freedom of Information Act by adding a new section to establish a security classification system to replace the present Executive Order 11652. The bill is cited as the "Freedom of Information Act Security Classification Amendments of 1974." Since then, an identical bill has been introduced in the Senate--S. 3399, sponsored by Senator Lee Metcalf.

Hearings on these and other similar bills have been scheduled by the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee for later this month. The Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee is also planning to begin hearings on H. R. 12004 in June. It is likely that your agency will be asked to testify on this legislation at that time.

After more than five months, there has been no response from your agency to the Committee request for views on this important legislation--certainly more than ample time for your legal staff to have given it adequate study. I hope that you will personally express your concern to appropriate officials within your agency over this unreasonable delay in responding to the Committee and that the signed report on this bill be delivered not later than noon Friday, May 24.

Honorable William E. Colby
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With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William S. Moorhead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD
Chairman